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Celebrity Buzz

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Police hunt for robbery suspect

CRIME Police are looking for a suspect in connection with two armed robberies last month and have obtained arrest warrants for a 27-year-old Edmonton man.

On March 18, police say a man brandishing a sawed-off shotgun entered a video store on Castledowns Road and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and merchandise. Eleven days later a similar crime took place at a pet store on 142 Street and 23 Avenue. Police are looking for James Leo Huculak who is described as a white male, six feet tall, 170 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. **METRO EDMONTON**

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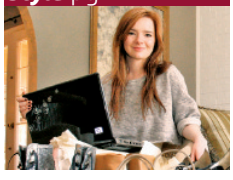

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Edmonton Oiler Ryan Jones, left, battles with Colorado Avalanche goalie Peter Budaj during the first period at Rexall Place last night. The Oilers won their final home game of the season 5-4 in overtime. Story, page 10.

Get smart, pay up

Business, pharmacy, engineering students face fee hikes

Some business, pharmacy and engineering students in Alberta will be facing steep tuition hikes starting next year.

Advanced Education Minister Doug Horner announced yesterday that he will allow the University of Alberta and University of Calgary to charge more for select degree programs to bring them in line with comparable offerings across Canada.

He said it's a one-time change, adding that 18 other proposals were rejected.

"We will not be having reconsideration of proposals. We will not consider any new proposals, and we stand by our tuition policy 100 per cent. All future tuition increases will be limited to the consumer price index," said Horner.

The hikes won't kick in until the fall of 2011 and will apply only to students joining at that time or later.

"(Current) students have all made their plans according to what they thought their tuition would be, so we will be respecting those plans," he said.

The big hit goes to the pharmacy program at the University of Alberta. Students joining the program in a year and a half will pay $8,552 a year, a 65 per cent jump from the current rate of $5,177. At the University of Calgary, the commerce degree tuition rises 38 per cent to $7,220 while a masters in business administration will cost 28 per cent more at $14,270. Student representatives who worked with Horner on the hike said it's the best of a difficult situation, adding that they're working with the schools to see some of the extra cash rolled into student supports like scholarships. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

More money

Some of the tuition hikes at the University of Alberta:

- Engineering to $6,650, a 15 per cent increase.
- Commerce to $7,220, a 39 per cent hike.
- Graduate studies to $3,562, a 23 per cent boost.

Stabbing victim dies in hospital

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DEATH A stabbing victim on Enoch First Nation succumbed to his injuries at the University of Alberta hospital over the weekend.

Vern Donald Derocher, 40, of Hay River, N.W.T., was rushed to the hospital in the early morning hours of April 2 with stab wounds.

He passed away shortly after.

Const. Barbara Roy of the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain RCMP said the victim was known in the area and may have known the people who live in the house.

"At the time of the stabbing there was nobody else around that I know of, no eyewitnesses," Roy said. "But there were people in the area."

Roy said Derocher may have been stabbed outside the home and then may have come inside for help.

"We are continuing to interview people and we are working towards identifying who is responsible," Roy said. "But we haven't arrested anyone at this time."

RCMP from Spruce Grove, Stony Plain and Enoch, along with the Edmonton Forensic Identification Section, "K" Division Police Dog Service and Major Crimes Unit, are all handling the investigation.

Anyone with any information on this crime is asked to call the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain detachment at 780-968-7267.

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Rabbit owners charged

Most of 1,100 animals had to be put down: EHS

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Charges have been laid against three family members responsible for having about 1,100 rabbits in their home since 2008.

The Edmonton Humane Society's (EHS) Shawna Randolph told media yesterday that the southwest Edmonton home was responsible for providing the majority of the rabbits that were adopted from EHS from the latter part of 2008 and 2009.

"Our adoption numbers in 2009 for rabbits were 432, in 2008 we adopted 312 rabbits, and the average before that per year had been about 55 adoptions," Randolph said. "A large number of them were from this place, but not all of them."

ANDREAS MORSE/METRO EDMONTON

Jennifer Nelson, an animal care attendant at EHS, holds Lionel, the only rabbit remaining at EHS from the southwest Edmonton home, who's waiting for adoption.

Some of the more than 1,100 rabbits were lucky enough to find homes; many of them however, were too diseased and had to be euthanized.

EHS has been dealing with this home for more than a year and a half and has been monitoring the rabbits' welfare. But because of Alberta's Animal Protection Act (APA), they couldn't seize the animals because the act wasn't being violated.

"We care so deeply about animals and to be tied by the law, to not be able to go in and seize until we were granted a warrant, has been very frustrating for us," Randolph said.

Shelley Zenner, Edna Zenner, and Quentin Zenner were charged under the APA with causing distress and three counts each of animal care duties.

A preliminary court appearance is set for May 6.

Contract offer gets thumbs up from police

DEAL Edmonton police officers overwhelmingly supported the latest contract offer from the city by a margin of over 96 per cent yesterday.

The new contract will see the average five-year constable receive a 4.5 per cent wage increase for each of 2009 and 2010, along with incremental adjustments to restore the historic wage difference between a police constable and a firefighter.

"Today is a good day for members of the Edmonton Police Service," said acting chief Norm Lipinski in a release to the media. "We are pleased with the new contract and I know that all members have continued to provide excellent police service to the citizens of Edmonton throughout the negotiations."

Voting was one of the heaviest in memory, according to the Edmonton Police Association (EPA), due in large part to an advance poll set up at the association office.

"We're pleased to reach an agreement with the Edmonton Police Association," said Pamela Kirkwood, the city's director of labour relations. "This will strengthen the relationship between the city and Edmonton's police force."

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Agreement

- Under the new deal, the average five-year police constable will make $83,585 in 2010.

News in brief

MOSQUITOES Have you heard the buzz? Edmonton's 2010 mosquito control programs starts this week. "Mosquito larvae are typically found in bodies of water such as roadside ditches and non-permanent field pools," said Mike Jenkins, a city pest management spokesperson. "By targeting them in places where they are concentrated in numbers and where they are vulnerable and confined to standing water, the city can proactively manage the mosquito population."

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Whale likely starved to death: Department of Fisheries

A young grey whale that washed up on a Vancouver Island beach last weekend likely died of starvation, and not an attack by another whale as was suspected. Paul Cottrell, marine mammal co-ordinator with the Department of Fisheries, said injuries on the whale's body aren't consistent with a killer whale attack. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Cops to help fight child abuse in Haiti

Three Canadian police officers are heading to quake-ravaged Haiti to help protect children from sexual exploitation on the Internet. The federal government says the month-long deployment is a project of the Canadian Police Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. The officers will be based in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince and will help the country's national police force develop their capacity to protect children from online sexual exploitation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recovery leading G7 peers: OECD

Canada is blowing its G7 peers out of the water in terms of the strength and speed of its economic recovery, says a new outlook from a leading international organization.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says Canada's economy likely grew 6.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, well ahead of the 1.9 per cent growth estimated for other G7 countries.

And the 30-member group, which represents the world's most economically advanced countries, says Canada's economy will keep expanding in the second quarter at 4.5 per cent, about twice the G7 average.

As impressive as the numbers sound, they're about right, economists say. "Six per cent is a pretty reasonable lower bound for expectations. Seven per cent is easily within reach too," said Derek Holt of Scotia Capital.

With the bounce from the previous quarter's five per cent advance and a strong January, it will take only modest growth in February and March to get another big gross domestic product gain in the first quarter of 2010.

And this is all happening in advance of businesses replenishing depleted inventories, says Sheryl King, chief economist with Merrill Lynch in Canada.

She says once firms start re-stocking, that alone could add four per cent to GDP in one quarter.

Analysts caution that a strong first and second quarter is unlikely to hold through the year, and that the second half could disappoint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Who's who

- The United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany and France are the other G7 countries. Brazil, China, India and Russia aren't currently full members of the OECD, despite the growing international importance of their economies.

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MP wants action on TV transition

DIGITAL Industry Minister Tony Clement says he doesn't want delays in the transition from analog to digital TV, despite loud warnings from networks and consumer advocates that Canada is far from ready for it.

An estimated 900,000 Canadian households that rely on antennas don't have televisions equipped to receive those new digital signals, due to begin in August 2011. About another 44,000 won't have access to TV at all unless they invest in a satellite dish. "I'm really going to try and avoid postponing ... I would really like to stick to the deadline," Clement said.

U.S. President Barack Obama was forced to delay his country's transition to June 2009 when it was clear that industry and consumers were not ready. Washington mandated a huge public-awareness campaign and spent more than $1.5 billion on a coupon scheme to help citizens pay for the new converter box they'd need in order to receive digital signals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Study captures a positive image of urban aboriginals

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

SURVEY A study released this week paints a very different picture of life for aboriginals living in Canada's urban centres than the usual one of despair.

Called the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Study, the first-of-its-kind report paints a positive image, capturing the values and aspirations of Canada's aboriginal population, one that is ever increasing in cities across the country.

"When urban aboriginal peoples are researched, it's often about problems like homelessness and sexual exploitation," says Ginger Gosnell Myers, the study's project manager.

"There are hundreds of thousands of us living in cities, and there are a lot of positive things happening in our communities.

"It's not all crises."

Nearly 3,000 interviews were conducted with aboriginal peoples living in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Ont., Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Ottawa in an effort to understand their values, identities and aspirations, and to inform public policy and planning initiatives.

Not only does the study conclude that aboriginal peoples are an increasingly significant presence in Canada's 11 largest cities, but that they in fact display a higher tolerance for other cultures than some non-aboriginal Canadians.

Key findings

- The majority of aboriginal peoples want to become a significant part of the urban landscape.
- Education is their top priority, as is their aspiration for the next generation to succeed.

Toronto **Raging torrent**

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A demonstrator shouts a slogan while holding a blue banner as she prepares to march during a protest in Toronto yesterday. The demonstration was meant to highlight demands for the restitution for mercury poisoning, which is claimed to be affecting the health of the community in Grassy Narrows, Ont. Demonstrators used blue fabric to create a "river," which they marched to Queen's Park.

News in brief

POLITICS Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai's reported comments about joining the Taliban forces are unacceptable to both Canada and its allies, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday. Karzai was quoted as saying in a meeting Saturday that he would join the insurgency if the U.S. and its allies continued pressuring him publicly to do more to end graft, cronyism and electoral fraud in the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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World

Putin apologizes, sort of

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin attended a memorial ceremony yesterday for 22,000 Polish officers, prisoners and intellectuals who were killed by Josef Stalin's secret police in 1940, in an unprecedented gesture of reconciliation to Poland. Putin became the first Russian leader to ever commemorate the Katyn massacres with a Polish leader; however, his speech stopped short of offering any apology to Poland or calling the massacres a war crime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BRAZIL Flooding and mudslides from the heaviest deluge ever recorded in Rio killed at least 100 people and left many more homeless, officials said yesterday as the rains finally began to ease. A minimum 2,000 people were forced from their homes by punishing rain that filled streets with raging torrents and ground Brazil's second-biggest city to a halt the previous day. All told, about 28 centimetres fell in the space of 36 hours.

DENVER A Qatari diplomat trying to sneak a smoke in an airplane bathroom sparked a bomb scare last night on a flight from Washington to Denver, with fighter jets scrambled and law enforcement put on high alert, law enforcement officials said. No explosives were found on the man, and officials do not believe he was trying to to harm anyone.

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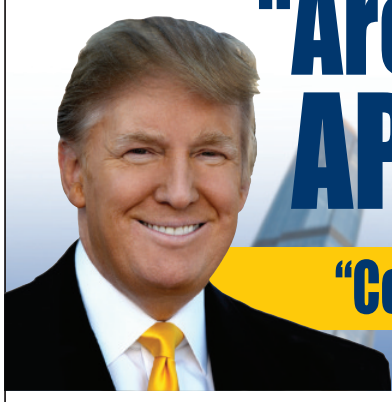

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Hope down to a 'sliver'

Anxious family members clung to what the West Virginia governor called a "sliver of hope" yesterday as rescuers drilled into the coal mine where 25 people died in an explosion, hoping to vent enough poisonous gas to safely get inside and look for possible survivors.

Crews had drilled one hole and were working on two more to release enough methane gas so searchers could enter the Upper Big Branch mine to look for four people still missing in the worst U.S. mining accident in more than two decades.

Federal officials started testing the air yesterday afternoon to see if it was safe. Rescuers hoped the four miners might somehow have reached a chamber where they could survive for four days, though they acknowledged the odds were against them.

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A protester attacks a police officer during clashes in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, yesterday.

Kyrgyzstan opposition seizes power in coup

CENTRAL ASIA Opposition leaders declared they had seized power in Kyrgyzstan, taking control of security headquarters, a state TV channel and other government buildings after clashes between police and protesters killed dozens in this Central Asian nation that houses a key U.S. air base.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev, who came to power in a similar popular uprising five years ago, was said to have fled to the southern city of Osh, and it was difficult to gauge how much of the impoverished, mountainous country the opposition controlled yesterday.

"The security service and the Interior Ministry … all of them are already under the management of new people," Rosa Otunbayeva, a former foreign minister who the opposition leaders said would head the interim government, told the Russian-language Mir TV channel.

The opposition has called for the closure of the U.S. air base in Manas outside the capital of Bishkek that is a key transit point for supplies essential to the war in nearby Afghanistan.

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Thinking outside the jewelry box

Relating

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Ah, springtime! When a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. And, in extreme cases, to thoughts of c-c-c-commitment.

The glut of engagement ring and wedding band options can be overwhelming. Princess or pear cut? Solitaire or sidestone? White gold or platinum? And do you really need to spend two months' salary on a sparkly?

Many couples are opting for more affordable, ethical, ecological and original options. Here are a few alternatives to going the traditional ring route:

1 Re-purpose old jewelry. "Instead of a wedding band, I wear a ring that my parents gave me for my 13th birthday," says Allison Outhit. "It's five small braided gold bands held together with a little clip. For me, it symbolizes the five members of my immediate family." Rings with stories attached can be far more meaningful than new jewelry. If you've inherited an heirloom necklace or earrings, have a jeweller reset the gemstones into a band.

2 Buy ethically. "There's nothing I can't tell you about my jewelry," says Ryan Taylor, proprietor of the Fair Trade Jewelry Co. (ftjco.com) in Toronto. He encourages customers to do their research and ask questions. Taylor also suggests dealing with makers as opposed to salespeople. "They're passionate and they understand everything about their material ... You should walk out of a place knowing everything about (the ring) you just bought."

3 Do whatever makes you happy. "Jay and I were THIS close to getting Batman wedding rings," says writer Karla Pacheco. "Out of the SkyMall catalog, no less — those fine purveyors of Lord Of The Rings-inspired jewelry, executive phone chargers, and enormous stone Buddhas for the captive airline audience." Pacheco and her fiancé eventually decided the Batman rings were a touch tacky. They scoured small jewelry shops in their neighbourhood and opted for simple $75 bands. Says Pacheco, "At the end of the day ... what they symbolize is more important than what they look like or what they cost."

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Keeping pace with growing diversity

SpeakingOut

Wendy Cukier

Forward-thinking organizations have shown that effectively managing diversity offers a competitive advantage — by improving access to skilled workers, growing increasingly global markets, and fuelling innovation.

A recent Statistics Canada study adds further fuel to the diversity imperative. By 2031, more than one-quarter of our population could be foreign-born. Almost one-third could be visible minorities, nearly double the current rate.

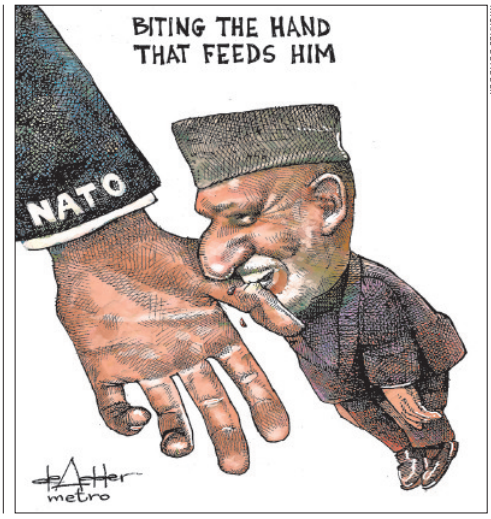
Will we be ready? While progress has undeniably been made, research shows overt and systemic discrimination persists across sectors. The barriers are complex. There is the Catch 22 of no Canadian work experience, no job — no job, no Canadian work experience. The underfunding and fragmentation of services for immigrants remains a problem and impedes the matching of skilled workers to employers.

And racism remains the problem that dares not speak its name. A particularly damning study by Oreopoulous showed that resumés from English-named applicants with Canadian credentials were three times more likely to receive interviews than applicants with Chinese, Indian or Pakistani names and foreign credentials.

What to do? There are no easy solutions to complex problems. An integrated approach is needed to address barriers at all levels. Better pre-immigration counselling, one-stop shopping for support, and specialized services and training are all important.

Most of all, more work needs to be done within organizations across all sectors to create more welcoming, fair and inclusive environments.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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Business in brief

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AUTO Will a mini Mercedes powered by a Renault-Nissan engine still command a luxury-brand premium? Daimler AG is confident it will, as the German automaker teams up with France's Renault and Japan's Nissan to share parts and platforms and make more cost-efficient and competitive small cars. METRO NEWS SERVICES

More 'tire' in Canadian Tire

Canadian Tire Corp. is retooling to concentrate on its core automotive and hardware businesses, but its chief executive says he doesn't want shopping there to feel like a "male experience."

The iconic retailer says it plans to focus on the auto parts business that made Canadian Tire a household brand after a recent expansion into home decor to attract more female shoppers. It plans to grow the automotive division by four to six per cent a year over the next five years.

But chief executive Stephen Wetmore said yesterday that the company's renewed focus on automotive supplies and repair is meant to broaden its customer base, not limit it.

"The thing we do not want to do is just make it a male experience; it has to be consumer friendly, whoever brings (a car problem) in, and whatever your knowledge level," he said.

Auto supplies are among the first items customers will see when they walk into a revamped Canadian Tire, where a racetrack floor plan provides more space for high growth categories and directs consumers to products more easily, said Mike Arnett, Canadian Tire's retail president.

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GM could turn profit this year

REBOUND General Motors Co., steadily returning to health after its near-collapse in 2009, said yesterday it plans to pay off its government loans by June — five years ahead of schedule — and could report a profit as early as this year.

GM said it lost $3.4 billion US in the fourth quarter of 2009 on revenues of $32.3 billion. But things are on the upswing. Sales and production have increased and GM has gained U.S. market share since the start of the year. It will try to maintain that momentum while facing a stiff challenge from a revitalized Ford Motor Co.

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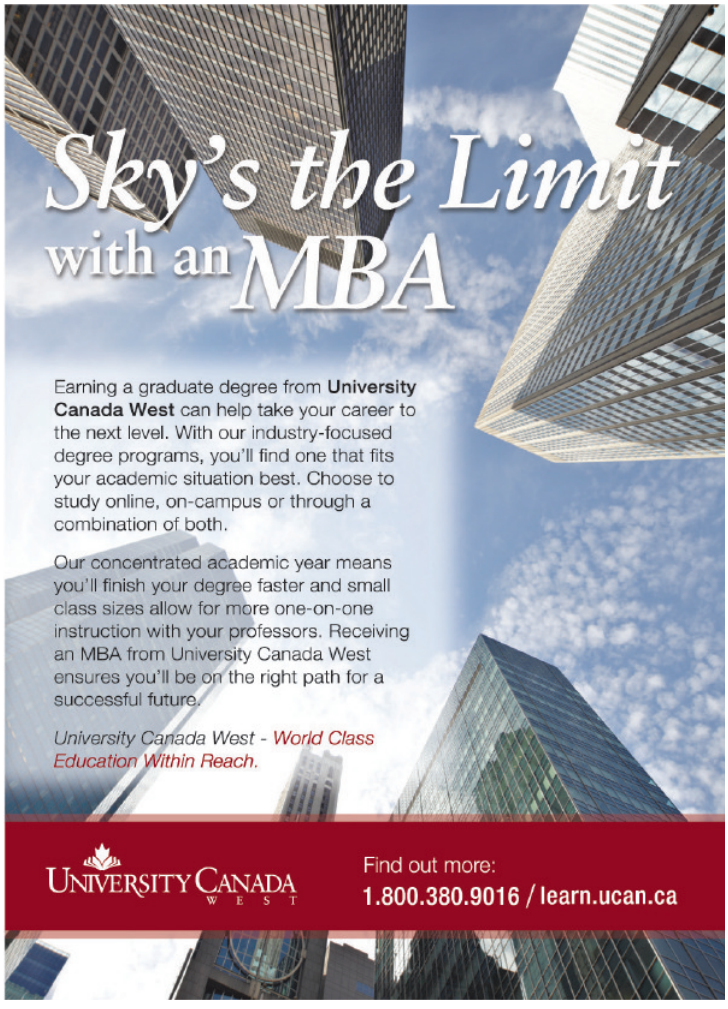
Japan Zooming back to profits?

Japan Airlines Corp. is speeding up planned job cuts in an effort to return to profitability and intends to lay off one-third of its workforce this fiscal year, instead of over three years as previously announced. It is unknown whether this affects the maintenance personnel seen checking a jet engine at Narita International Airport, east of Tokyo, in this January photo.



Mullen buying Manitoba company

Mullen Group Ltd. has signed a letter of intent to acquire construction firm Smook Bros. of Thompson, Man. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Talisman reaps $1.9B

Oil and gas producer selling non-core assets

Talisman Energy Inc. will sell a number of properties in Canada through five separate deals worth a total of $1.9 billion, supporting its continuing drive to acquire promising shale gas holdings, the company said yesterday.

The oil and gas producer, which announced in January that it would be selling non-core assets as it shifts its North American focus toward shale gas, said it has buyers for the properties in Ontario and Western Canada.

The deals include just over 400,000 hectares in the Peace River Arch area near the northern borders of Alberta and British Columbia. Talisman is also selling properties in the central Alberta Foothills region and near Hinton, Alta.

Talisman president and chief executive John Manzoni said the sales will help the company focus on building its North American shale gas business.

"Although these are excellent assets with a great future, they can't effectively compete for capital within our emerging strategic asset mix," Manzoni said in a statement.

The total assets being sold by Talisman produce the equivalent of 42,500 barrels of oil per day, although about 90 per cent of it is comprised of natural gas, and net proven reserves of equivalent to 120 million barrels.

Talisman stock closed down 43 cents at $17.40 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday.

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Business in brief

OIL FIELDS Heritage Oil PLC has cleared the final hurdle in its attempts to sell its stake in two Ugandan oil fields after securing government approval for the transaction, the company said yesterday. The Canadian-listed company, which has its headquarters in the U.K., said the Ugandan government has green-lighted a sale that will see Tullo Uganda Ltd. buy Heritage out of the properties for more than $1.35 billion US.

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Alaska natural gas pipeline expected to cost $35 billion

PIPELINE A massive plan to move natural gas from Alaska's North Slope to North American markets will cost an estimated $35 billion US, according to its planners, setting the stage for a high-stakes showdown with a competing project led by a Canadian company.

The Denali project, a joint effort of ConocoPhillips and BP PLC, proposes a pipeline stretching more than 2,735 kilometres.

Denali is competing with a proposal being advanced by Calgary-based TransCanada Corp., and Exxon Mobil Corp. of Irving, Texas. That project has estimated its cost at between $20 billion and $41 billion, depending on the route.

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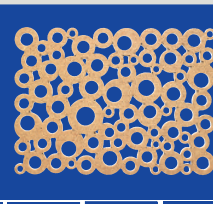

Bubble mat

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Shake up **the kitchen**

Homes in **Style**

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The first few tastes of spring generally whet the palette for backyard barbecues, cocktails on the deck and late suppers on warm nights.

This means plenty of time in the kitchen, and what better way to invigorate summer foodie events than by breathing new life in the most popular room in the house.

Toronto decorator Mandy Fleischer says kitchens are taking the simple route.

"We've moved into a more transitional look with less fuss," she says. "A lot of kitchens today are about clean lines, maximizing space, and exposing shelving so that you can show off plates, glasses and patterns."

She says although "stainless steel is still the way to go," she is seeing quartzite, bamboo and re-manufactured recycled products that are environmentally friendly, including cork, metals and plastics.

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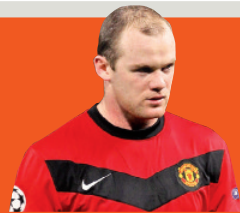
Tennis great Navratilova diagnosed with breast cancer

Tennis great Martina Navratilova has been diagnosed with a non-invasive form of breast cancer and her prognosis is considered excellent. The nine-time Wimbledon women's singles champion had a lumpectomy in March and will start six weeks of radiation therapy next month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports



Rooney hurt, Man U out

Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney, left, re-injured his right ankle against Bayern Munich yesterday, a week after being hurt in the first leg. The final four of the Champions League won't feature an English team for the first time since 2003 after Munich ousted Manchester on aggregate, while Lyon reached its first semi-final by eliminating Bordeaux. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Seguin passes Hall in rankings

HOCKEY It looks like the battle between Tyler Seguin and Taylor Hall will go right down to the wire.

Seguin overtook Hall as the No. 1 player in the final rankings released by NHL Central Scouting yesterday and it's unlikely either will be considered the consensus No. 1 choice heading into the entry draft in June.

"I think they're so close they could be flip-flopped," E.J. McGuire, the director of central scouting, told NHL.com. "I don't think that's at all being wishy-washy about it, but there may be something that a team sees that may sway them this much in order to pick one over the other."

The two Ontario Hockey League players have drawn the attention of NHL scouts all season. Hall was rated No. 1 ahead of Seguin for North American skaters when the mid-season rankings were released in January. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Future Oiler?

- The Edmonton Oilers are already guaranteed to finish 30th and will have a 48.8 per cent chance of getting the top pick.

Whitney pots OT winner

NHL RESULTS

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Ryan Whitney scored 3:50 into overtime as the Edmonton Oilers bounced back from an early 3-0 deficit to defeat the Colorado Avalanche 5-4 in their final home game of the season last night.

Whitney pinched in from the point to receive a perfect pass from Dustin Penner and score the game winner past Avalanche goaltender Peter Budaj.

Penner led the team with a goal and two assists and Shawn Horcoff, Mike Comrie and Andrew Cogliano also scored for the Oilers (26-46-8), who won nine of their final 11 games on home ice.

The Oilers, who will finish last in the NHL, will be hoping to get a point out of one of their final two road games to avoid equalling their worst season in franchise history, 60 points in 1992-93.

Matt Duchene, Ryan O'Reilly, Marek Svatos and Matt Hendricks responded for the Avalanche (43-29-8) who have lost five of their last seven and had a two-game winning streak snapped. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Colorado's John-Michael Liles, left, falls after colliding with Edmonton's Andrew Cogliano during the second period of last night's action.

Augusta boss has harsh words for Woods

On the day Tiger Woods arrived at the Masters, he changed out of his spikes after playing nine holes, walked across the parking lot and went upstairs to the office of Augusta National chairman Billy Payne.

Payne would not discuss details of their Sunday afternoon meeting.

Based on his blunt criticism of Woods during his annual press conference yesterday, they probably weren't talking about how Woods was hitting the ball or his chances of winning a fifth green jacket.

"It is simply not the degree of his conduct that is so egregious here," Payne said. "It is the fact that he disappointed all of us, and more importantly, our kids and our grandkids.

"Our hero did not live up to the expectations of the role model we saw for our children."

They were the strongest words from a Masters chairman since Hootie Johnson's famous "point of a bayonet" reply to Martha Burk in the summer of 2002 when he defended the club's right to an all-male membership. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

LUGE The secretary general of luge's governing body says an official investigation into the death of Nodar Kumaritashvili at the Vancouver Olympics will find no single cause for his fatal accident. Svein Romstad told the Associated Press yesterday the International Luge Federation report is set to describe the 21-year-old Georgian's crash could not have been foreseen.

NFL Milledgeville police say they have finished their investigation into a 20-year-old college student's claim Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger sexually assaulted her. Police said yesterday they handed the investigation report and witness statements to local District Attorney Fred Bright on Tuesday evening. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Style

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Wunderkinds

Young style bloggers are becoming influential forces in the fashion world

Jane Aldridge hoped to get a few readers when she started a style blog at 15. Today that sounds impossibly modest.

Aldridge, now 18, gets about 70,000 hits a day at her blog Sea of Shoes. She's been featured in magazines like Vanity Fair and Teen Vogue and has designed shoes for Urban Outfitters.

"I didn't realize at the time that I started my blog that blogs would ever become what they are now," she said.

Young bloggers like Aldridge have become an unexpected powerhouse in the fashion industry, gracing front rows at Fashion Week, teaming with top magazines and working with mainstream clothing brands. Aldridge is among those who have been read by editors and designers for the last couple of years, said Jane Keltner, fashion news director for Teen Vogue.

"In the last year it's just exploded," Keltner said.

Thirteen-year-old Tavi Gevinson, who writes the blog Style Rookie, has helped Rodarte introduce its line for Target, appeared on the cover of Pop magazine and been spotted at various fashion shows around the world. Her fashion commentary has even appeared in Harper's Bazaar.

American Apparel has featured several young bloggers in ads, including Karla Deras of Karla's Closet. Marc Jacobs named a bag after blogger Bryanboy.

Keltner said that brands are smart to get on board with bloggers who already have a following and are influential in the fashion world. It was a good way for Target to connect with customers, said spokesman Joshua Thomas.

"Obviously Tavi's blog is extremely popular and she's really developed a loyal following," Thomas said.

Aldridge's retail ventures have included designing a trench coat for Gryphon with her mother Judy, who has her own blog called Atlantis Home.

Gryphon designer Aimee Cho said she liked how the mother and daughter were able to wear a lot of the same clothes, but in different ways and have fun with fashion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jane Aldridge, 18, is a fashion blogger who runs a site called Sea of Shoes. Here she poses at her home in Trophy Club, Texas.

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Cody confirms pregnancy via Twitter

Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody is expecting her first child. The Oscar winner, 31, announced the happy news via Twitter. "Thanks for the congrats on my fetus! No secrets here; just thought it would be fun to see how big I could get before someone noticed." TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Idol guest

Adam Lambert will serve as guest mentor on the April 13 episode of American Idol. Internet buzz began swirling this week after Sony Music reps contacted radio stations with the announcement. EW.COM

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Slash reloads with fresh riffs

Former Guns N' Roses guitarist delivers best album since leaving the band

Slash

Album: Slash
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●½

I'LL JUST COME right out and say it: This is the best album Slash has been involved with since leaving Guns N' Roses. It's not a brilliant piece of work, but it's a good reminder of why Slash is one of the best guitarists on the planet. He whips off solos left and right — all of which are air guitar worthy — while the songs themselves are, for the most part, gritty, riff-heavy '90s rockers. He was wise to employ friends like Ozzy, Ian Astbury and Lemmy to sing on these tracks, though he should have held back his invite to Maroon 5's Adam Levine.

Bryan Borzykowki/for Metro Canada

Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings

Album: I Learned the Hard Way
Label: Daptone Records
Rating: ●●●●

IT WOULD BE real easy to write the Dap-Kings off as retro-revivalists. They are, after all, just a bunch of white guys from New York playing funky mid-'60s soul on analog equipment just the way they did in Memphis ... way back before most of the Dap-Kings were even born. Most of the songs are written by a 30-something bass player by the name of Gabriel Roth (a.k.a. Bosco Mann). It would be easy to dismiss the Dap-Kings with a quip like "why don't you go listen to the real thing, put on an old Otis record or something?" Yeah, easy. Except Sharon Jones, the 54-year-old voice at the front of this band, is the real thing. She was born in James Brown's hometown of Augusta, Ga., a shade too late to get in on the bottom floor. But she's making up for lost time. And we've got Bosco and the boys to thank for that.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

AlbumReviews

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Jakob Dylan

Album: Women and Country
Label: Columbia/Sony
Rating: ●●½

THE SON OF Bob teams up with T Bone Burnett — America's top roots producer — for his second solo album since leaving the Wallflowers five years ago. On paper it's a perfect match. Certainly the album starts out that way with opening track Nothing But the Whole Wide World. It's upbeat melody disguises a working man's lament of shattered dreams and abandoned hope. That song, however, sounds absolutely joyous compared to what follows as Burnett's ponderous drone takes over the record like a funeral march. These Americana themes are all too familiar and Burnett's signature recording style makes them even more so. The album features the talented alt-country voices of Neko Case and Kelly Hogan, but even they are relegated to the back of the mix. By the end of the album, there's a good chance the listener will be either asleep or suicidal.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Slash's new solo album reminds us why he is considered one of the best guitarists on the planet.

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Melissa Auf der Maur

Album: Out of Our Minds
Label: MAdM Music
Rating: ●●●

IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS since Melissa Auf der Maur released a solo disc (and more since playing with Hole and Smashing Pumpkins) so the wait had better be worth it. Well, Out of Our Minds isn't bad, but it's not a masterpiece. It's simple, fun straightforward rock. Follow the Map is an infectious rocker that would have done well in the '90s, in fact, many of these tunes would work on a mix CD with her old bands' songs.

The most interesting part about Out of Our Minds is that it's actually a three-part project, with a film and comic too.

Bryan Borzykowki/for Metro Canada

Who's the top chef in Edmonton?
Do Metro Edmointon have a favourite local chef? Are you a Blair Lebsack fan, who has turned Madison Grill to luscious local fare? Maybe you back Judy Wu of Wild Tangerine or Shonn Oborowsky of Characters. Drop me a line at edmontonurbanfoodie@gmail.com to tell me who and why. CHRISTOPHER THRALL/FOR METRO EDMONTON

Urban Foodie

INSPIRED; VERY GOOD; PALATABLE; HO-HUM; NEVER AGAIN

Pricey, but worth it

CHRISTOPHER THRALL
edmontonurbanfoodie@gmail.com

Ruth's Chris Steak House
9990 Jasper Ave.
780-990-0123
ruthschris.com

Rating:
Dinner for two with drinks: up to $200
Signature Dish: Filet ($51)
Signature Drink: Zolo Malbec ($17)

"Is this your first time here?" our server asked kindly.

At our nod, he explained that Ruth's Chris Prime USDA steaks are seasoned only with salt and pepper, broiled at 1800 degrees F to lock in their flavour, and served in butter. Complements large enough for two to share are ordered separately. It was a story designed to soften the $40 to $55 price of a single piece of meat.

The idea of corn-fed beef intrigued me: I was raised on grain-fed Alberta triple-A. I gazed around at the almost over-elegant surroundings as I sipped the best damn mojito of my life ($14). Someone had put a lot of thought into this place.

My 12 oz. ribeye ($40) arrived quickly, perfectly cooked to medium rare, alone on a 500-degree plate intended to keep the meat warm through the meal. A swirl of butter stood proudly on top.

I have to admit that the steak was fantastic. Corn-fed beef tasted somehow lighter and sweeter. The puréed sweet potato casserole ($8) kept up the overall excellence, topped as it was with a brown sugar and pecan crust.

For me, Ruth's Chris was a special occasion kind of restaurant. Dress up and prepare to spend a little, but the sybaritic delights of Ruth's Chris await you.

On the web

- Get recipes and more great food content at metronews.ca/recipes

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A 12 oz USDA Prime ribeye ($40) with sweet potato casserole ($8) and mojito ($14).

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Grilled Asparagus with Asiago Butter.

Dining out

GARLIC Edmonton's own Sorrentino's chain is celebrating its 19th anniversary of the Garlic Festival. Each of the six locations features a unique garlic menu until May 7 — plus special events, garlic cooking classes and more. Visit sorrentinos.com.

GARLIC Celebrate a decadent decade with the Century Grill. On Saturday, DJ Nic-E will spin tracks to complement your "inspired tapas" with champagne and Red Bull on the side. Call 780-431-0303. CHRISTOPHER THRALL/FOR METRO EDMONTON

In brief

EVENT Chef's Indulgence, the Canadian epic of food & wine sets Edmonton's best chefs to work with top-notch local farmers, is back. Tickets are $50 the June 14 event are available from the Junior League of Edmonton at 780-433-9739.

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	3	KHQ	-	370	News	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune	Community	Parks-Recreat	The Office	30 Rock	Marriage Ref
	4	CBXT	-	307	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Nature of Things		Love, Hate and Propaganda		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	6	KREM	-	372	News	Access H.	The Doctors		Survivor: Heroes vs. Villains		CSI: Crime Scene Investigat'n		The Mentalist
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	47	SPEED	417	406	Bullrun (HDTV)		Bullrun (HDTV) (N)		Pass Time	NASCAR Hub	Fast Track to Fame (HDTV)		Bullrun (HDTV)
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	25	A&E	615	520	The First 48 (HDTV) (N)		Fugitive Chronicles (N)		Runaway Squad (HDTV)		(10:01) The First 48		The First 48
	26	MMM	571	581	mmtop10.ca		Behind the Music		G. Simmons	Wild 'n Out	Behind the Music		G. Simmons
	29	FOOD	603	561	Ultimate Recipe Showdown (N)		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Bitchin	Brian Boitano	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Ult. Recipe
	31	SHOW	617	522	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter		The Last Trimester (2006, Suspense) Chandra West.				Damages
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	33	SLICE	601	562	10 Pounds	Last 10	Chop Shop	Chop Shop	ET Canada	Whatever	Real Housewives, Orange		Housewives
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	36	BRAVO	620	523	Walk All Over Me (2007, Crime Drama) Leelee Sobieski.				Law & Order "Denial"		Without a Trace "4.0"		Walk All
	38	SPIKE	628	584	The Unit "Security"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Wild World	Jail	UFC 112 Countdown		MANswers
	39	AMC	-	-	(6) Top Gun ★★★ (1986, Adventure)			Top Gun ★★★ (1986, Adventure) (HDTV) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.					Silverado
	40	HIST	522	506	Ax Men (HDTV)		Ancient Discoveries		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Ax Men (HDTV)		Discoveries
	41	COM	626	547	Just for Laughs		Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Martin
	43	SPACE	627	528	Human Target "Victoria"		Lost "Happily Ever After"		InnerSpace (N)	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Next Generation	
	44	WPCH	294	650	MLB Baseball: Cubs at Braves		Seinfeld	Name Is Earl	Law & Order: Special Victims		Family Guy	Family Guy	Good Will Hun.
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	93	VISION	261	394	The Big Country ★★★ (1958, Western) Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons, Carroll Baker.						Famous Families		
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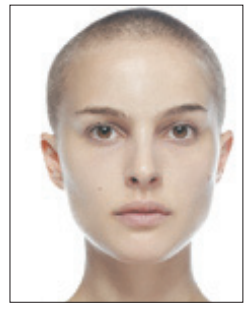
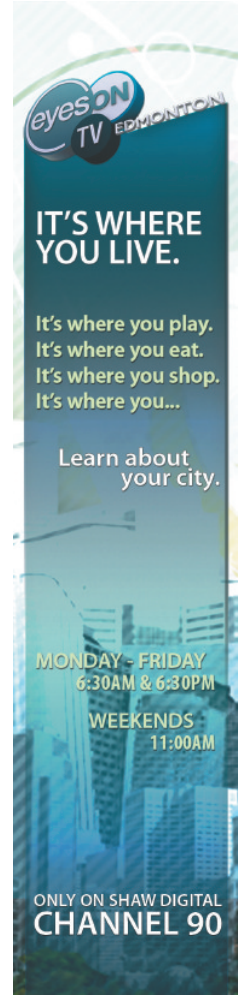
	161	SUPER			Nothing Like the Holidays ★★ (2008, Comedy-Drama)				Lions for Lambs ★★ (2007, Drama)			(10:45) Lies & Illusions	

critics'corner

V for Vendetta
The Wachowski brothers of "The Matrix" fame bring a graphic novel to life with the same dazzling technique in this genuinely smart 2006 thriller. Shorn of her hair as the futuristic story unfolds, Natalie Portman acquits herself well in the demanding role of a young innocent drawn into the mindset of a vigilante (Hugo Weaving) who disguises himself as revolutionary Guy Fawkes and targets the British government. 11 PM on TOON



The Big Country
Although better known for his singing, Burl Ives won an Oscar and a Golden Globe for his performance in director William Wyler's sprawling 1958 Western epic about two ranching families feuding over water rights. Gregory Peck plays the sea captain who gets caught in the middle of the feud when he comes west to marry into one of the families. Jean Simmons, Carroll Baker, Charles Bickford and Chuck Connors also star. 7 PM on VISION



Ryder returning

Looks like Winona Ryder is launching her own comeback story. The '80s icon has landed a leading role in the Ron Howard-directed film, previously called Cheaters, starring Vince Vaughn and Kevin James, ew.com reports. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

MJ kid may take stand at trial

FAMILY THAT TESTIFIES TOGETHER In their efforts to prove Conrad Murray guilty for the death of Michael Jackson, the late singer's family is reportedly prepping at least one of his children to take the stand in Murray's manslaughter trial, according to Popeater.

"The Jackson family wants to do what's best for Michael's children and understand how traumatic it would be for them to take the stand," a source says. "However, they honestly believe that Dr. Murray is to be blamed for the Michael's death, and they believe that what the children saw the day he died will prove it."

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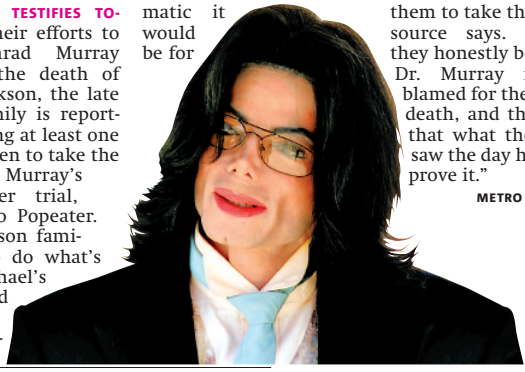

Bullock, hubby have no sex tapes: Rep

FOR THE RECORD Sandra Bullock's representatives have moved swiftly to dismiss reports the actress' estranged husband Jesse James has more than a dozen homemade sex tapes allegedly featuring the estranged couple, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress walked out on James and left the couple's marital home in March, when allegations first broke that he had been unfaithful with a string of women.

She has yet to comment on the scandal, but online reports suggesting James possesses a graphic sex tape he could possibly use as leverage in a divorce case have prompted her aides to speak out.

Bullock's rep tells People.com, "There is no sex tape. There never has been one and there never will be one."

James — who has publicly apologized to his wife and admitted he deserves "everything bad" which may come from his "bad judgement" — is currently in rehab receiving treatment for sex addiction but is keen to save their marriage. METRO WORLD NEWS

Cheating? 'It happens'

NEVER MIND THE INFIDELITY, HERE COMES WHOOPI In an attempt to defend Jesse James, Whoopi Goldberg admitted she herself has been unfaithful when she was married. While discussing James' alleged infidelity in his marriage to Sandra Bullock with her The View co-hosts, Goldberg said, "I cheated when I was married. I made those mistakes too. Yeah, it happens."

She didn't specify during which of her three marriages the cheating took place. Goldberg also refused to blame James for his current predicament, saying infidelity is "nobody's fault."

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Carrey, McCarthy go own ways

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS BEFORE YOU QUIT After five years together and plenty of talk about marriage, Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy have split up, they announced.

"I'm so grateful for the years Jim and I shared together. I will continue to be in his daughter's life and will always keep Jim as a leading man in my heart," McCarthy said in a statement.

Carrey took to his Twitter account to break the news, posting "Jenny and I have just ended our five-year relationship. I'm grateful for the many blessings we've shared and I wish her the very best."

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Love ain't lucky in romance

CHEATED AND MISTREATED Newly single Jennifer Love Hewitt admits she hasn't had the best romantic track record, even disclosing to Ryan Seacrest on his radio show that she's been cheated on several times.

"It's brutal," she says. "Once I found out on television, and that was awesome. And then another time I found them together." Coincidentally, Hewitt is also rethinking dating fellow celebrities. "I don't seek them out," she says. "I am starting to think maybe that's not the way to go."

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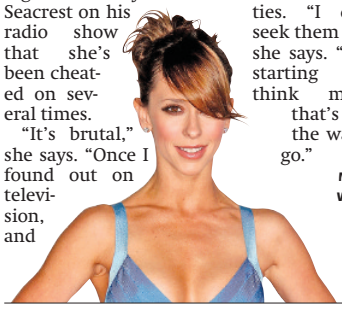

Morgan gave up drinking for son

DRUNK DADDY? NOT COOL Tracy Morgan promised himself he'd never drink alcohol again after his son shamed him with questions about his DUI arrest three years ago, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

He recalls, "That was rock bottom... My oldest son is looking at me (and he said), 'What are you doing? What if I started drinking and driving, would that be cool?'"

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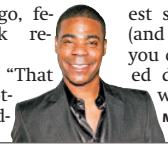

Catwalk kiss too much for Connery?

PECK PEEVE During his fashion event, Dressed to Kilt, Sean Connery was allegedly put off by a man-on-man kiss on the catwalk, sources tell Page Six. When two of the models locked lips, Connery reportedly "turned to his wife as if to say, 'Oh, my God,'" sources say.

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CelebTweets

RANIA AL ABDULLAH is feeling refreshed, **DIABLO CODY** doesn't want you to believe the tabloids, and **JOHN MAYER** is going to stick to the guitar.

@QueenRania
Nothing like a family break to kick start Spring! Also a great way to get closer to the kids.

@diablocody
I'm not "secretly married." I married Dan last summer. Took wedding photos in Times Square, which is pretty much the opposite of secretive.

@johncmayer
I'm such a bad DJ, my song transitions could be used as a weapon in war to disorient the enemy.

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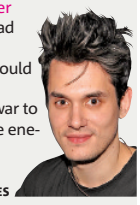
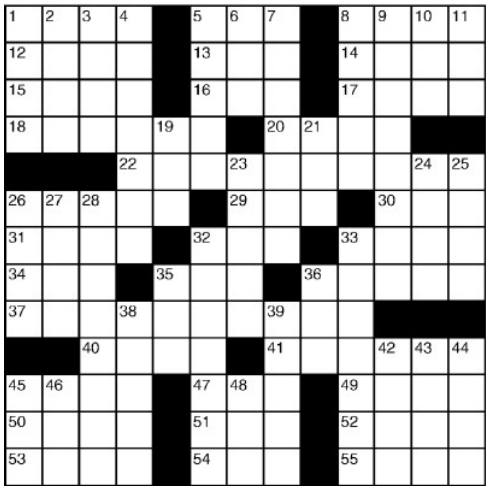


Today Cloudy 9 C / -1 C
Friday Sunny 3 C / -5 C
Saturday Sunny 3 C / -6 C

BT BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host – Breakfast Television
"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes." **WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.**

Take Five



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29 Shaft of light
30 AAA job
31 Entice
32 Gender
33 Antitoxins
34 Einstein's birthplace
35 "Eureka!"
36 Rice field
37 Retreats
40 Achilles' downfall
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47 Retriever type
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52 Bigfoot's kin
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32 "Frankenstein" author
33 Walks the catwalk
35 Mimic
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39 Monastery VIP
42 Vicinity
43 Little lice
44 Speaker's spot
45 Fool
46 Sigma preceder
48 Time of your life?

Sudoku

For more/less challenging Sudoku puzzles, visit metronews.ca

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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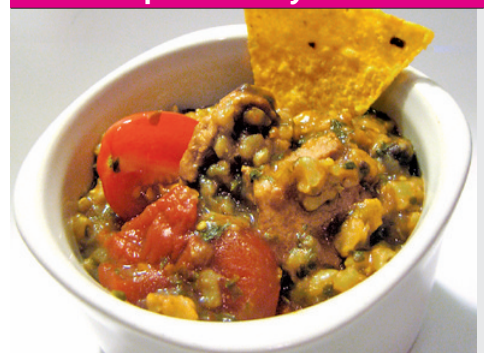
Metro Recipe of the Day



Chili Verde

Submitted by Karen Gold
PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 45 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
1 pork tenderloin
1 bunch cilantro
1 large red onion
5 cloves garlic
6 tomatillos
3 large anaheim peppers
4 jalapeño peppers
Dash lime juice
½ cup rice
2 1/2 cup chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 can black beans (optional)

METHOD:
1. Slice the pork tenderloin and sauté in a large pot until cooked.
2. Meanwhile, roast the peppers and tomatillos on the top shelf in a 400° oven.
3. Pulse the tomatillos in a food processor.
4. Remove the pork tenderloin pieces from the pot and add the onions, garlic and dry ingredients and sauté.
5. Toss the roasted peppers, garlic and cilantro in food processor with the tomatillos, and pulse again.
6. Once the onions are brown, add the meat back in the pot.
7. Add green mixture from food processor to the pot, and add rice and chicken broth. Add black beans if desired.
8. Simmer 45 minutes. If you have more time, slow cook for hours to marry all the flavours.

SERVES 6-8

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Let other people make decisions for you today. If they are the right decisions it will save you a lot of time and trouble.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
There are so many things you want to change but circumstances beyond your control are holding you back. Look on the bright side.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If someone is critical of what you are doing today don't react as if it's the end of the world. It isn't, though it may be the end of your friendship.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are not the easiest person to get to know and the Sun in Aries at this time of year does not exactly put you in a talkative mood.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You've got so many ideas swirling around inside your head but there is not much you can do with them at the moment. File them away

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't take chances with money and don't let others take chances for you. Wwhy should you when you are happy with what you have got?

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't rush into something today simply because you fear getting left behind. According to the planets you will gain more in the long-term

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Someone you live or work with needs a few words of encouragement and you are the one who must give them.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Forget about your own needs and ask yourself what you could do that would make the people you care for in this world truly happy.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your career and your social life are pulling you in different directions and at some stage today you will have to choose between them.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? Maybe, but how do you know until you have tried?

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may not be able to summon up enthusiasm for something you have been told you have to do, but if you treat it as a game it won't be so bad.

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